

NOMINATION FOR AWARD		
AWARD General Thomas D. White Cultural Resources Management Award	CATEGORY (If Applicable) Individual	AWARD PERIOD 1 Oct 99 - 30 Sept 02
RANK/NAME OF NOMINEE (First, Middle Initial, Last) GS-12/Karlene B. Leeper	SSN (Enter Last 4 Only)	MAJCOM, FOA, OR DRU PACAF
DAFSC/DUTY TITLE Archaeologist	NOMINEE'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial) DSN 317-552-5057; Comm (907) 552-5057	
UNIT/OFFICE SYMBOL/STREET ADDRESS/BASE/STATE/ZIP CODE 611th Civil Engineer Squadron, 10471 20th St, Ste 302, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506-2200		
RANK/NAME OF UNIT COMMANDER (First, Middle Initial, Last)/COMMANDER'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial) Lt Col Mark S. Tissi, DSN 317-552-2217; Comm (907) 552-2217		
SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)		
<b>IDENTIFYING AND PROTECTING ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leader in the identification, testing, and analysis of 'new' archaeological site at Eareckson AS</li> <li>-- Facilitated completion of critical sewer line project by detailed, prompt review of the isolated site</li> <li>-- Swiftly developed new steps for subsurface excavation to expedite future homeland defense projects</li> <li>- Procured legacy funding to inventory and evaluate Traditional Cultural Properties on DoD land</li> <li>- Cooperated with Bureau of Indian Affairs for cemetery protection on sensitive restoration project</li> <li>- Completed archaeological surveys at 10 remote installations, enabling demo projects to proceed apace</li> </ul> <b>PREPARING HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANS: Mission readiness and sensitive treatments!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updated Cultural Resource Management Plans (CRMP) for 40 installations scattered over 570K miles</li> <li>- Led research/analysis for CRMP on Cold War-era White Alice Comm System for 17 sites all over AK; huge effort for one-person office despite arctic conditions, abandoned sites, and difficult access</li> <li>- Completed CRMPs for Galena Forward Operating Base and Distant Early Warning (DEW) System</li> <li>- Reviewed plans for force protection upgrades at Galena and King Salmon Airports to plan treatments</li> <li>- Awarded updates to Eareckson AS and Alaska Radar System CRMPs; atop every emerging issue!</li> </ul> <b>MAINTAINING HISTORICAL PROPERTIES WITH SENSITIVE TREATMENTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proactively managed upgrade effects at radar on Shemya Island, a highly technical Cold War site</li> <li>-- Teamed with Missile Defense, Army CoE, and SHPO to ensure no adverse effects by upgrades</li> <li>-- Collaborated with Engineering Flight to assure preservation-sensitive repair and SHPO concurrence</li> <li>- Partnered with Native Corporation to develop plan for reburial of human remains at Eareckson AS</li> <li>- Closely coordinated with SHPO, tribes, Fish/Wildlife Service, CoE, and interested scholars to protect threatened archaeological sites at properties adjoining Eareckson AS and 2 remote radar sites</li> <li>- Consulted with 6 tribes, 6 municipalities, and others regarding effects of demo projects on DEW sites</li> <li>-- Submitted updated record drawings to National Park Service for Library of Congress records</li> <li>-- Integrated value of DEW radar system to local history and culture; innovative, effective approach</li> </ul> <b>PROMOTING CULTURAL RESOURCES AWARENESS: Educating about cultural treasures!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presented detailed briefings to 11AF staff on cultural resources laws, procedures, and requirements</li> <li>- Provided Anchorage elementary archaeology instruction, emphasizing Alaskan archaeological projects</li> <li>- Administered Nation's only Cold War Working Group; group's sessions served as a focal point for state and DoD agencies to address issues surrounding conservation of historical resources</li> <li>- Proactively educated radar site/program managers on care of historic buildings/archaeological sites</li> <li>- Managed and mentored ongoing Legacy Project to train native interns to inventory and evaluate Traditional Cultural Projects on DoD lands throughout Interior Alaska; built trust and awareness</li> <li>- Partnered with CoE to educate Eareckson workers about archaeological protection and public law</li> </ul> <b>PROMOTING CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Working for the common good of all Alaska!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sponsored Government-to-Government training project for Air Force employees and tribal members with 611th Air Support Group Native Liaison officer; forged closer productive working relationships</li> <li>- Developed booklets and histories of Galena/King Salmon Forward Operating Bases and Air Control and Warning System to save Cold War historic knowledge as they get upgraded to serve AF missions</li> <li>- Organized and planned training class for all federal agencies on "Maintaining Historical Buildings in Alaska" to be presented in Spring 2003; recognized leader statewide in cultural resources management</li> <li>- Presented archaeology program to 6th grade students for Alaska Anthropological Association's Education Committee during Bureau of Land Management's "Outdoor Week;" superbly delivered!</li> <li>- Presented instruction in cultural resource law/regulations to 611 ASG leadership and interested parties</li> <li>- Persistently educated employees and contractors on federal responsibilities to protect cultural resources and the traditional importance of those places and resources to local communities and tribes</li> <li>-- Enhanced squadron's ability to foster community trust, protect resources, and facilitate mission</li> <li>- Contributed cultural resources articles and updates to newsletters, bulletins and newspapers</li> </ul>		